FC292.23 Six Free Trees

Six Free Trees 2023 - Request your trees now!

Dear parish councillors,

We are excited to once again be offering Six Free Trees (or one larger potted tree) to all parish councils in South Cambridgeshire, in partnership with English Woodlands. If you have a suitable site and can commit to planting and upkeep, express your interest here and we'll get in touch to arrange your order. All trees must be ordered by 22 December 2023.

This is a great opportunity to increase tree cover, promote biodiversity and provide new habitats in your area – not to mention the carbon sequestration benefits of trees! There are a selection of native varieties to choose from including silver birch, wild cherry and English oak.

We hope your parish council will take advantage of the scheme.

Kind Regards, Orla Gibbons | Project Officer - Climate and Environment

On the form to be completed

Questions to be answered:

Where are you proposing to plant your trees?

Have you applied for trees from us before? Yes No

Terms and conditions to be agreed to:

All 6 trees should be planted as soon as possible for the best chance of survival, ideally on the day of delivery for bare root trees and within 3 days for pot-grown trees. If planting needs to be delayed, trees can be 'heeled in' to protect the roots. This involves digging a shallow trench, placing the roots into it and covering them over with soil.

The trees must be planted and appropriately maintained by the applicant until they are fully established and subsequently allowed to grow on to maturity. Free tree planting advice is available from the Tree Council. Please ensure your trees are staked, provided with a tree guard and regularly watered for the first 3 years. The scheme applies to South Cambridgeshire Parish Council land. Trees may also be planted on land owned by local schools.

The scheme does not apply to private gardens. If no Parish Council owned land is suitable, trees can be planted on land owned by a Charity, County Council, or school-owned land, with written permission.

You agree to send a photo of your planted tree to us and give consent for South Cambridgeshire District Council to use these photos for promotional purposes. Please confirm you have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions